THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL
JOHN DONNE SOCIETY CONFERENCE
16 – 18 FEBRUARY 2017

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Louisiana State University
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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

16 – 18 FEBRUARY 2017
Thursday, 16 February

5:00–5:10 p.m.  **Words of Welcome** (Cook Room)

Welcome: SEAN H. MCDOWELL, Seattle University  
Executive Director

Presiding: HEATHER DUBROW, Fordham University

5:10 –6:40 p.m.  **Session 1: Critical Approaches and Controversies (I): Rethinking Poetic Practices and Devices** (Cook Room)

Chair: TAMARA A. GOEGLEIN, Franklin & Marshall College

“How to be Stupid: The Poetics of Progress in Donne’s *Second Anniversary*”  
PIERS BROWN, Kenyon College

“So, if I now should utter this’: Donne and the Present Condition of Love”  
RAYMOND-JEAN FRONTAIN, University of Central Arkansas

“In forgetting thou rememb’rest right’: Interaction and Agency in *The Songs and Sonnets*”  
TESSIE PRAKAS, Scripps College

Respondent: COLLEEN RUTH ROSENFELD, Pomona College

7:30 – 8:30 p. m.  **DINNER** (Abell Room)
8:30 – 9:30 p.m.  **Special Event: Multimedia Donne**  
(Cook Room)

Convener: **MEG LOTA BROWN**, University of Arizona

Poems by **KIMBERLY JOHNSON**, Brigham Young University  
Music by **NIGEL SMITH**, Princeton University

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**Friday, 17 February**

6:00 – 8:30 a.m.  **BREAKFAST** (O’Neal Lounge—Cook Hotel)

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.  **Session 2: Donne in Dialogue (I): Donne and Contemporary Poetry**  
(Cook Room)

Chair and Respondent: **JUDITH SCHERER HERZ**, Concordia University

“*Per fretum febris:* The Diseased Body in John Donne and Brett Foster”  
**KIMBERLY JOHNSON**, Brigham Young University

“Heaney, Donne, and the Boldness of Love”  
**SEAN H. MCDOWELL**, Seattle University

“Reading Donne, A Sentimental Journey”  
**JONATHAN F. S. POST**, UCLA

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.  **COFFEE BREAK**  
(Cook Room)

11:00 – 12:00 p.m.  **Session 3: Critical Approaches and Controversies (II): New Interdisciplinary Approaches to Donne**  
(Cook Room)

Chair: **ALISON BUMKE**, Queens’ College, Cambridge
“Strange Friends and Battering Rams: John Donne’s Poetics of Estrangement”
ANTON BERGSTROM, Wilfrid Laurier University

“The Terror and Glory of Liminality: The Case of Donne”
JOAN FAUST, Southeastern Louisiana University

Respondent: HUGH GRADY, Arcadia University

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH (Abell Room)

12:00 – 1:45 p.m. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING LUNCHEON (Shelton 1 Room)

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Session 4: Donne in Dialogue (II): Friends, Fans, Followers (Cook Room)

Chair: BRETT DEFRIES, University of Iowa

“Stealth in Venice: Rowland Woodward at Wotton’s Embassy”
DENNIS FLYNN, Independent Scholar

“How Unusual are the ‘Elegies upon the Author,’ and What More Can They Reveal?”
CHARLES ADAM GREEN, University of Birmingham

Respondent: MARLA LUNDERBERG, Hope College

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. COFFEE BREAK (Cook Room)

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Session 5: Keynote Address (Cook Room)

Presiding: HEATHER DUBROW, Fordham University

Address: “Donne and Dylan”
NIGEL SMITH, Princeton University
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. RECEPTION (Hospitality Suite)

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. DINNER (Abell Room)

8:30 p.m. RECEPTION (Hospitality Suite)

*Optional expedition for dinner and live music.*

Saturday, 18 February

6:00 – 8:30 a.m. BREAKFAST (O’Neal Lounge—Cook Hotel)

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Session 6: Preaching and Praying (Cook Room)

Chair: ROBERT REEDER, Providence College

“Prayer as Political Theory: Natural Law and Sovereignty in Pseudo-Martyr and the Holy Sonnets”
ANGELA BALLA, The University of Alabama in Huntsville

“Prayer and Contingency in The Devotions upon Emergent Occasions”
KATE NARVESON, Luther College

“Accessing God through Memory: Preaching and the Senses in Donne’s Sermons”
SONIA PERNET, Université de Lausanne

Respondent: SUSANNAH BRIETZ MONTA, University of Notre Dame
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.  COFFEE BREAK (Abell Room)

11:00 – 12:00 p.m.  Session 7: Literary and Topographical Spaces (Cook Room)

Chair:  KADER HEGEDÜS, Université de Lausanne

“Love, Time, and Poetics: Shakespeare’s Sonnet 115 and Donne’s ‘Loves Growth’”
THERESA M. DIPIASQUALE, Whitman College

“Earthly Knowledge: The Map Figure in the Sermons of John Donne”
ASA D. OLSON, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

Respondent:  CLAIRE FALCK, Rowan University

Noon –1:30 p.m.  LUNCH (Abell Room)

12:30 p.m.  BUSINESS MEETING (DURING LUNCH)
Presiding:  SEAN H. MCDOWELL, Seattle University

“The Present State and Possible Futures of Donne Digitized”
BRENT NELSON, University of Saskatchewan

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.  Session 8: Presidential Address (Cook Room)

Presiding:  HEATHER DUBROW, Fordham University

“Donne’s Ocular Manoeuvres in the Dark”
KIRSTEN STIRLING, Université de Lausanne
3:00 – 3:30 p.m. COFFEE BREAK / ANTI-CONFERENCE BEGINS (Abell Room)

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **Session 9: A Panel Discussion of “The Funeral”** (Cook Room)

Moderator: JUDITH ANDERSON, Indiana University

Panelists: TRACY MCLAWHORN, East Carolina University
PAUL A. PARRISH, Texas A & M University
MIRIAM JACOBSON, University of Georgia

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. RECEPTION (Hospitality Suite)

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. DINNER (Abell Room)

8:00 p.m. ANTI-CONFERENCE (Hospitality Suite)
Festal Queen: JEANNE SHAMI, University of Regina

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**Sunday, 19 February**

6:00 – 8:30 a.m. BREAKFAST

DEPARTURES
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